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SUBJECT: LECTURER ON SOVIET MASS MEDIA

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- 1. EMBASSY CONTACTED ZASURSKIY REGARDING TAVEL PLANS. HE SAID HE WOULD LEAVE FOR US ON MARCH TWENTY-EIGHT AND IS WILLING STAY FULL TWO MONTHS IF THIS REQUIRED BY UNIVERSITY OFPENNSYLVANIA.
- 2. ZASURSKIY SAID HIS DELAYED TRAVEL A PRODUCT OF A
 NUMBER OF FACTORS BEYOND HIS CONTROL. HE HAD BEEN
 PREPARED TO LEAVE MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY BUT HAD NOT YET RECEIVED
 VISA. CONSEQUENTLY HE REVISED PLANS TO LEAVE MARCH
 FOURTEEN BUT AGAIN PEVENTED FROM DOING SO BY LACK
 OF VISA. FYI: VISA ISSUED MARCH THIRTEEN AND MHE
 INFORMED MORNING OF SAME DAY. ZASURSKIY APPARENTLY NOT INFORMED
 BY MHE BEFORE EVENING. END FYI. ZASURSKIY SAID HAD TO TURN
 BACK HIS TICKET 72 HOURS BEFORE FLIGHT TIME TO AVOID
 PAYING PENALTY FOR CANCELLED RESERVATION. IN MEANTIME
 UNIVERSITY HAS GIVEN HIM SPECIAL PROJECT WHICH HE MUST
 ATTEND TO BEFORE LEAVING. HENCE DEPARTURE DATE OF MARCH
 TWENTY-EIGHT. PLEASE ADVISE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA'S
 REACTION.
- 3. ACCORDING TO ZASURSKIY HE WAS CALLED EVENING OF MARCH THIRTEEN BY REPRESENTATIVE OF UNIVERSITY OFPENNSYLVANIA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO FIND OUT WHEN HE WOULD ARRIVE. ZASURSKIY INFORMED HIM

THAT HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED VISA BUT DID NOT TELL UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE WHEN HE WOULD COME IF VISA FORTHCOMING.

4. AS REPORTED IN MARCH THIRTEEN TELCON WITH CU/EE, JOURNALISM DEPARTMENT MEMBER EXPECTED ZASURSKIY WOULD DEPART MARCH TWENTY-ONE IF VISA FORTHCOMING. IF TWENTY-EIGHT UNACCEPT-ABLE TO PENN,SUGGEST PENN DEPT. HEAD CALL ZASURSKIY AGAIN TO WORK OUT.

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